



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re: Application of: Pierre BARBERIS et al.
Serial No.: 10/565,481 Confirmation No.: 2123
Filed: January 20, 2006
For: A METHOD OF FABRICATING A ZIRCONIUM ALLY
FLAT PRODUCT, A PRODUCT AS OBTAINED
THEREBY, AND A FUEL ASSEMBLY ELEMENT FOR
A POWER STATION NUCLEAR REACTOR MADE
FROM SAID FLAT PRODUCT

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated September 11, 2008 applicants hereby request reconsideration of the application based on the following remarks.